

(b) There is a two way relationship between developments in securities markets and the economic development. However, there is no scientific means to capture the exact nature and extent of relationship between the two.

(c) The movement in stock prices is a normal feature of securities markets. However, there are systems in place to regulate excess volatility and protect the investors.

**Customs and Excise duty on petrol and diesel**

2190. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are generating huge income by way of Customs and Excise duty on crude oil, petrol and diesel:

(b) if so, what was the income per barrel in terms of rupees of the above items when the Indian basket of imported crude oil was at \$18 per barrel;

(c) what is the income by way of Customs and Excise duty of the above items during the last one year, month-wise; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to reduce Customs and Excise duty on imported crude oil, petrol and diesel and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Based on the data furnished by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, the estimated customs and excise revenue from petroleum sector for the financial year 2005-06 was Rs. 64738 crore. Customs & excise duty collection from petroleum sector during the said year was Rs. 62874 crore, which was Rs. 1864 crore *i.e.* 3% less than the estimated revenue.

(c) Provisional revenue collection from customs and excise duties on crude oil, petrol and diesel during the last one year is given in the statement (*See below*)!

(d) Government had reduced customs duty on crude, petrol and diesel, and converted major portion of excise duty on petrol and diesel from ad-valorem to specific rates.

**Statement**

*Revenue collection from customs and excise duties on crude oil, petrol  
and diesel*

Month	(Rs. in crore)			
	Crude Oil	Petrol	Diesel	Total
<b>Excise</b>				
October, 2005	411	1461	1771	3643
November, 2005	486	1491	1807	3784
December, 2005	394	1457	1960	3811
January, 2006	409	1506	2069	3984
February, 2006	385	1558	1910	3853
March, 2006	633	1664	2265	4562
April, 2006	538	1282	1902	3722
May, 2006	606	1595	2200	4401
June, 2006	584	1575	2049	4208
July, 2006	588	1462	2006	4056
August, 2006	608	1544	1901	4053
September, 2006	579	1455	1856	3890
<b>Customs</b>				
October, 2005	563	156	241	960
November, 2005	470	190	133	793
December, 2005	739	131	105	975
January, 2006	610	102	99	811
February, 2006	494	95	74	663
March, 2006	1001	178	153	1332
April, 2006	434	245	118	797
May, 2006	525	420	131	1076
June, 2006	703	432	128	1263
July, 2006	662	481	123	1266
August, 2006	679	432	162	1273
September, 2006	730	352	157	1239